



# 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



Whether it's preventing terrorism, maintaining security at key events or responding to active shooter incidents, HSIN provides the expertise, support and resources that allow homeland security personnel to more efficiently and effectively do their jobs. Partners use HSIN to strengthen cybersecurity, intercept illegal drugs, combat criminal gangs, protect critical infrastructure and perform many other types of operations. This 2019 Year in Review highlights some of the ways partners used HSIN during the year.

## JANUARY

### Maryland's Gubernatorial Inauguration

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and partners relied on HSIN to support safety and security during the gubernatorial inauguration, and MEMA used HSIN to coordinate planning sessions among 50 personnel across 15 agencies.

### NFL Pro Bowl

HSIN supported safety and security operations at the NFL Pro Bowl held in Orlando at the Camping World Stadium, which drew fans for the game and related events featuring top football players from nearly all teams in the league.

## FEBRUARY

### Super Bowl 53



For the seventh consecutive year, HSIN played a key role in allowing real-time information sharing and situational awareness among public safety

partners; more than 20 major federal, state and local partners relied on HSIN to support security operations.

## MARCH

### State of the Union Address

The Washington DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and multiple local, state and federal partners relied on HSIN for interagency coordination, real-time collaboration and operational security for the President's State of the Union address.

### Hurricane Response Room Template for HSIN Connect

The HSIN Outreach team launched a Hurricane Response Room Template that allows quick setup of three standard HSIN Connect layouts which have a proven track record in supporting operations during hurricanes and all types of severe weather.

### Mardi Gras New Orleans

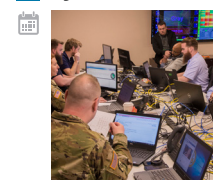
HSIN supported the Louisiana State Analytical and Fusion Exchange and interagency public safety officials during preparedness operations as well as during the Mardi Gras events held throughout New Orleans.

### St. Patrick's Day Chicago

HSIN supported the Chicago Crime Prevention and Information Center and interagency public safety partners as hundreds of thousands of spectators gathered at multiple venues across Chicago to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

## APRIL

### Cyber Shield 19 Exercise



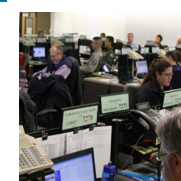
Over 850 participants used HSIN for the cybersecurity exercise, including State National Guards from about 40 states, multiple fusion centers and

metropolitan law enforcement agencies, and more than 20 organizations representing industry and academia.

### NCAA Final Four Championship

HSIN supported 17 agencies as more than 70,000 fans converged in downtown Minneapolis for the "Final Four" games, concerts and other events; the Minneapolis Police Department coordinated public safety among state, federal, regional and private sector partners.

### Alaska Shield Exercise



The U.S. Coast Guard relied on HSIN for real-time information sharing during the Alaska Shield 2019 exercise, which brought together federal, state and

local agencies to prepare and plan for a coordinated response to incidents.



## MAY

### ■ Virginia Beach, VA Active Shooter Incident

Public safety partners used HSIN to share vetted, accurate data such as types of devices or weapons used and information about suspects and casualty counts to help deconflict operations and dispel erroneous open media reports.

### ■ Kentucky Derby Events

The Louisville Metro Police Department and other public safety partners used HSIN for real-time information sharing during numerous events including the Kentucky Oaks horse race on May 3 and the Kentucky Derby on May 4.

### ■ Indianapolis 500

Speedway and Indianapolis Police Departments, the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Indiana State Police, DHS and other partners used HSIN to support public safety, logistics management and situational awareness for the Indy 500.

## JUNE

### ■ UAS & RS Community Launch

The Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Remote Sensing (RS) community launched on HSIN to provide a secure, online information sharing platform to facilitate interagency collaboration and coordination for the safe integration of drones into the national airspace.

## JULY

### ■ Independence Day Events

Numerous public safety partners used HSIN to support real-time communications during multiple Independence Day events across the country and in Washington, DC, including A Salute to America, A Capitol Fourth, and fireworks over the National Mall.

### ■ NCR Cities Readiness Exercise



Health and public safety officials used HSIN to facilitate collaboration among partners from Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, West Virginia, the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the National Capital Region (NCR) exercise.

### ■ World Scout Jamboree



DHS, Department of Defense, FBI and numerous state, local and private sector partners used HSIN, including the West Virginia National Guard, WV Intelligence Fusion Center, WV State Police, County Sheriff Departments, County Emergency Managers, 911 Centers and the World Organization of Scouting.

### ■ Gilroy, CA Active Shooter Incident

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## AUGUST

### ■ HSIN Exchange Rollout to HIDTA Program

HSIN Exchange rolled out to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, which provides assistance to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions.

### ■ NFCA Launches 24/7 National Cybersecurity Room

The National Fusion Center Association (NFCA) established the National Cyber Situational Awareness Room on HSIN, which supports 550 users across the country who exchange information on incidents and indicators of compromise and develop plans to prevent the next incident from occurring.

### ■ El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH Active Shooter Incidents

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## SEPTEMBER

### ■ Hurricane Dorian

Approximately 50 organizations including the DHS National Operations Center used HSIN and Geospatial Management Office resources for the full range of information sharing activities such as using common operating pictures for tracking, preparation, response and recovery efforts.

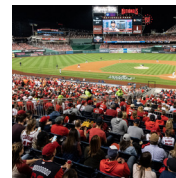
### ■ United Nations General Assembly 74



World leaders from 193 member states gathered at the 74<sup>th</sup> session of the U.N. General Assembly, which included President Trump's address on Sept. 24, and HSIN supported operational planning, real-time information sharing and situational awareness during the National Special Security Event.

## OCTOBER

### ■ MLB World Series



The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium, FBI, Houston Police Department, Houston Regional Intelligence Service Center and other partners used HSIN to support public safety operations in Washington DC and Houston.

### ■ Chicago Marathon



The Chicago Police Department, Chicago Crime Prevention and Information Center and the Illinois Army National Guard 5<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team used HSIN to support local, state and federal public safety collaboration during the marathon.

## NOVEMBER

### ■ NASCAR Ford EcoBoost 400

The Southeast Florida Fusion Center and Miami-Dade Police Department used HSIN to support public safety and Intelligence & Investigation operations during the NASCAR Ford EcoBoost 400 auto race at the Homestead-Miami Speedway.

## DECEMBER

### ■ St. Jude Marathon

The Tennessee Fusion Center and public safety partners used HSIN to support operations associated with the St. Jude Marathon, which attracted 25,000 runners and drew approximately 40,000 spectators over the course through downtown Memphis.

### Color Key:

- Daily Operations
- Events & Exercises
- Incident Support
- Supported multiple consecutive years

These are just some of our mission support and programmatic accomplishments in 2019. To learn more about how HSIN can improve your operations, or to share your success stories, contact HSIN Outreach at [HSIN@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:HSIN@hq.dhs.gov).